



PUBLIC INPUT REQUESTED: City of Rocklin Invites Residents to Decide Future Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Routes

ROCKLIN, CA (June 26 2006) - The City of Rocklin is one of only two Cities in the State of California to be approved for a neighborhood electric vehicle (NEV) program. Because of this approval, City staff is soliciting feedback from residents in order to plan NEV routes and they are hosting a public hearing on July 12, 2006. Reflecting the City's commitment to protecting the environment and providing safe transportation alternatives for residents, the NEV's are highly efficient, zero-emission, low cost travel options. Ideal for short trips around town, NEV's are often used by senior citizens and high school students going to and from school.

"NEV vehicles will provide safe, cost-efficient alternative transportation options that help control air pollution in our region and mitigate congestion for our residents," Vice Mayor Ken Yorde said. "We are honored to join the City of Lincoln as one of only two Cities in the State of California that qualify for this program and we look forward to community input and feedback on where to plan NEV routes."

NEV's at a Glance

- NEV's use electricity instead of gas. They consume 0.233 kilowatt-hours per mile, the power equivalent of 150 miles per gallon in a gas-burning vehicle. NEV drivers can travel 275 miles on under \$10.
- NEV's can travel at speeds up to 25 miles per hour.
- NEV's are zero-emission vehicles.
- NEV's need a 10 foot separate lane (8 feet wide with a 1-foot shoulder on each side) away from car drivers. The lanes are dual-use with bicycle traffic and are usually simple modifications for many of the existing roads. These modifications, keeping the NEVs separate from regular traffic, make their operation safe and efficient.
- NEV's require a driver's license to operate, as well as car insurance and registration with the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

**WHERE/WHEN: Sunset Center
2650 Sunset Boulevard
Wednesday, July 12, 2006
7:00 p.m.**



Chrysler's GEM NEV

For more information about the Neighborhood Electric Vehicle program, Rocklin residents are encouraged to contact Michael Rock with the Public Works Department at 625-5505.